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PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING DUES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of phone companies are yet to clear huge outstanding dues of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any direction has been issued by the Government to these phone companies;

(d) if so, the names of companies who did not comply with the directions; and

(e) the details of action taken against those companies?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) Details of outstanding dues against the various Telecom Service Providers as on 31-01-2006 is given in the Annexure. The outstandings are mainly on account of disputes raised by the Service Providers on amounts determined as payable. In several cases there are disputes before various forums like Courts and Tribunals where recovery is held up due to stay orders. In a few cases the Telecom Service Providers are under liquidation.

(c) & (d) Payment of outstanding dues are followed up with the Telecom Service Providers regularly. The names of Service providers against whom dues are still outstanding are given in the Annexure.

(e) The action taken by the Government include reminders, invocation of available Bank Guarantees, arbitration proceedings and follow up with the official liquidators. Suspension and cancellation of the licenses as per License Agreements have also been resorted to in some cases.

ANNEXURE

Licence Fee dues outstanding in respect of Telecom Companies as on 31-01-2006

(Amount: Rs.in Crores)

Sl.No.	Name of Licensee	Service	Dues outstanding
1.	BPL Mobiles Comm. Ltd.	CMTS	29.00
2.	Hutchison Essar south Ltd.	CMTS	0.51
3.	Koshika Telecom	CMTS	453.00
4.	Spice Comm. Ltd.	CMTS	10.56
5.	Archana	E-Mail	0.21
6.	Business India	E-Mail	0.10
7	Data line	E-Mail	0.21
8.	Datapro	E-Mail	0.16
9.	Elnet Technology Ltd.	E-Mail	0.08
10.	ICNET Ltd.	E-Mail	0.30
11.	Data Access Ltd.	ILD	15.64
12.	VSNL	ILD	49.00
13.	Tata Power Co.	IP-II	0.06
14.	Rail Tel	IP-II	1.79
15.	Arvind Mills Ltd	PMRTS	0.28
16.	Mobilkom Ltd.	PMRTS	0.01
17.	ITI Ltd.	PMRTS	0.02
18.	ABC Communication India Pvt. Ltd.	Radio Paging	19.39

19.	Beltron Telecomm. Ltd.	Radio Paging	0.02
20.	BPL Systems & Project Ltd.	Radio Paging	0.32
21.	D.S.S. Mobile Comm. Ltd.	Radio Paging	10.38
22.	Easycall Comm.(India) Pvt. Ltd.	Radio Paging	4.81
23.	Elder PWI Comm. Ltd.	Radio Paging	8.62
24.	Elder PWI Paging service Ltd.	Radio Paging	17.33
25.	Matrix paging (India) Pvt. Ltd.	Radio Paging	10.42
26.	Microwave Comm. Ltd.	Radio Paging	18.41
27.	Modi Korea Telecomm Ltd.	Radio Paging	24.57
28.	Netherland India Comm. EnterprisMobile Communications	Radio Paging	10.77 460.98
30.	Punwire Paging service	Radio Paging	81.90
31.	RPG paging services Ltd.	Radio Paging	16.06
32.	Telesistem (India) Pvt. Ltd.	Radio Paging	2.20
33.	Reliance Infocomm Ltd.	UASL	0.49
34.	Tata Teleservices	UASL	4.28
35.	Microwave	V-Mail	1.84
36.	ITI Ltd.	VSAT	0.05
37.	Dataline & Research	VSAT	1.00
38.	HECL	VSAT	38.66
39.	Marcsat	VSAT	1.74
40.	Satnet Telecom	VSAT	1.11
Total:	1,296.25		